

REMARKS

Claims 1-243 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-243 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner rejected the claims under 37 CFR 1.75 stating that Applicant presented an unreasonable number of claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that this rejection is improper under the circumstances since **the claims differ substantially from one another** and thus do not meet the rule.

In a phone conference with the Examiner, Applicant pointed out the fact that there are multiple claim sets that relate to different embodiments and different Figures. For example, Applicant pointed out that Claims 1-23 relate to FIG. 1A and claims 24-33 relate to FIGs. 7A and 7B. Applicant also pointed out the different claim language.

In response, the Examiner requested that Applicant indicate the relationship between the claims and the Figures. The Examiner agreed that a restriction/election would be more appropriate.

<u>FIGURE</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>
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1A	1-23; 75-97; 187-188; 241-243; 240.
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7A, 7B	24-33; 98-107; 189-191; 213-215.
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10A, 10B 34-39; 65-74; 108-113; 139-148; 192-194; 210-212; 216-218; 234-236.
9A 40-51; 114-125; 195-197; 219-221
12A, 12B 52-57; 126-131; 198-203; 222-227
13, 14 58-64; 132-138; 149-154; 204-209; 228-233
16 and 17 155-172; 173-186; 237-239.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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